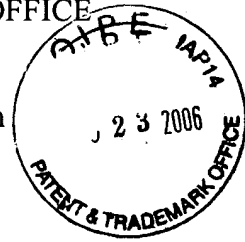




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the action mailed June 26, 2006, the Examiner holds that all of the pending claims can be categorized into five groups, Groups I to V, and that some of the pending claims are directed to a number of species covered by one or more of three groups, groups (i) to (iii).

Applicants elect the invention of Group II, i.e., claims 14-20, for prosecution, and further elect rice of group (ii) and wine of group (iii) as the single species. Claims 14-20 all read on the elected species.

The election is made without traverse. More specifically, Applicants request that claims 1-13 of Group I be considered together with claims 14-20 of Group II. Indeed, a review of the bodies of these claims 1 and 14 indicates that these two claims are very similar. Indeed, the only difference is an additional recitation set forth at the end of claim 14, i.e., "a microorganism that converts glucose to a fermentation product." Applicants submit that if claim 1 is patentable over prior art, so is claim 14. In other words, there is no extra burden for the Examiner to consider the claims of both Groups I and II.

If the Examiner agrees to also consider Group I, Applicants further elect fructose of group (i) and rice of group (ii) as the single species. Claims 1-14 all read on the elected species.

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